



## Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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**TO:** School Administrators  
**FROM:** David Welch, Director, Gifted Education Programs  
**SUBJECT:** Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Fee Payment  
**DATE:** May 2005

The Missouri General Assembly did not appropriate money to fund the state-funded Missouri Fee Payment Program for the 2005-2006 school year. Therefore, there is no money available to reimburse any Dual Credit, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exam fees in Math, Science, or Communication Arts for students who scored proficient or advanced on their corresponding high school MAP tests. **Only the federally-funded Advanced Placement Fee Payment Program which provides Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exam fee payments for "low-income" students is available. If sufficient federal funds are not available to meet demand, exam fees will be paid on a prorated basis.** The federal funds are to increase access to college credit opportunities for Missouri's low-income high school students and cover all subject areas in AP and IB exams.

### **FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS**

Eligible students may request payment for AP exam fees, and/or IB exam fees within the same school year. Students attending Missouri public and private schools are eligible for Advanced Placement and/or International Baccalaureate exam fee payment through the federal program if they meet the following criteria:

1. The student is enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP) and/or International Baccalaureate (IB) class;
2. The student takes the AP or IB exam for that class; and,
3. The student qualifies under the federal definition of "low income," which means the family's taxable income in the preceding year did not exceed 150% of the poverty level.

School personnel are responsible for determining eligibility and maintaining auditable records of all eligible students.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS: SUBMIT ONE APPLICATION PER DISTRICT**

#### **Advanced Placement & International Baccalaureate Exam Fees (federally funded)**

The application for AP and IB exam fee payments are available only from our Website at [www.dese.mo.gov/divimprove/gifted](http://www.dese.mo.gov/divimprove/gifted). **The application is due to the Department on Friday, March 31, 2006.** Payment for AP exam fees will be made by DESE directly to the College Board. Reimbursement for IB exams will be sent to school districts as part of their May or June state aid payment. **If sufficient federal funds are not available to meet demand, exam fees will be paid on a prorated basis.** Students and/or school districts will be responsible for paying any additional costs not covered by these funds according to the published policies of each respective program or the local school district.

If you have any questions, please contact the Gifted Education Section of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education at (573) 751-2453.